

## Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro

Marcus J. Molinaro was elected as Dutchess County's 7<sup>th</sup> County Executive in November 2011. At 36, he took office as the youngest County Executive in county history. He was re-elected for a second term in November 2015.

Marc Molinaro was first elected to public office at the age of 18 in 1994, serving on the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees. In 1995, he became the youngest mayor in the United States. He was re-elected mayor five times and elected four times to the Dutchess County Legislature. In 2006, he brought his passion for public service to Albany when elected to represent the 103<sup>rd</sup> District in the New York State Assembly. Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed him to serve on the Governor's Mandate Relief Redesign Team. As County Executive, Marc was named in 2015 as Second Vice President for the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

Marc has been a leader on Open Space Protection and Farmland Preservation, an advocate to preserve the Hudson River Valley Greenway and a supporter of the Greenway Compact. In 2013, he was appointed to the Greenway Heritage Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley by the New York State Senate. In 2014, Marc was honored by the Pace University Land Use Law Center as the recipient of its Groundbreaker's Award given to a graduate of the Center's Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) Training Program. In November 2015, he was recognized by Environmental Advocates of New York for his efforts to make Dutchess County safer and more sustainable.

Marc has been active in numerous community and civic organizations. In 2010, he was honored with the VV Anderson Award for Community Service by the Anderson Center for Autism. In 2011, Astor Services for Children and Families presented him with the Louise Marillac Public Service Award in recognition of the work he has done on behalf of children and families in the community. In 2014, Marc received the Champion for Elder Rights and Safety Award from the Coalition on Elder Abuse in Dutchess County. In 2015, he was honored for outstanding leadership by the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was also honored as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council. ***Hudson Valley Magazine*** readers have voted Molinaro "Best Politician" in the Hudson Valley region for the last four consecutive years (2012-15).

County Executive Molinaro and his family reside in Red Hook.